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582 4. The marriage of Karaya women to foreigners is permitted only when the latter allow themselves to be adopted into the tribe and take up permanent residence in the village concerned, a case which in Castelnau's time was not at all rare, but could hardly occur today.

593 562 Although the husband is naturally in charge as head of the family, the position of the wife is a completely honorable one. There is no trace of the degradation of women into beasts of burden, as has been falsely imputed for all Indians by analogy with the North American tribes. Certain tasks, to be sure, are performed exclusively by the women and they are tireless in fulfilling their manifold duties. The man, too, however, has his share to perform. His wife is his complete equal; he does nothing of importance without her advice. Even the chief shares his honors with his wife. Mistreatment of women is unheard of.

595 Monogamy is the usual thing. The husband, however, not uncommonly finds it necessary to take a second wife when the [582] [971] first one becomes too old. This is conditioned by the peculiar custom, widespread, it seems, among all South American tribes (2), that the young men court older women and the old

[113] 2. Cf. Im Thurn, op. cit., p. 223.

men younger ones. Perhaps the relatively small number of children can be traced to this.

●847 Artificial abortion occurs, but only on the demand of the husband. It is brought about by pressing the uterus together with the hands and is said to cause death not uncommonly.

586 If married people do not get along, the husband is allowed 587 to trade off his wife for that of another. Anyone who repudiates his wife cannot marry again, but is allowed to have a housekeeper.

684 The husband himself punishes an adulterous wife by a beating or burning her with glowing wood. Sometimes (3) the guilty one

[113] 3. Couto Magelhães, Selvagem, p. 116.

is said to be even burned to death.

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843 Birth. During pregnancy the women wear small plaited mats around their hips, which they hold together in front with
847 their hands. Pregnancy is prematurely interrupted when the woman eats a powder made of pounded white stone (mănaŭlă) or drinks blood. Artificial abortion is not regarded as prohibited.

844 Birth takes place in the house (according to one isolated statement, also in a house built especially for this); the woman, squatting, according to Ehrenreich, is supported by her mother. The husband does not participate (according to Ehrenreich, on the other hand, he helps his wife). There are said to be all kinds of medicines to ease the birth. The umbilical cord is cut with a taquara splinter and ashes are placed on the wound. The afterbirth is buried in the forest.

846 Confinement is very brief. The mother lies in the hut for only one day; on the second day she is already up. After four days have elapsed, during which she eats only honey and some manioc mush, she washes herself in the shade with hot water which she has in a pot standing beside her. After that she resumes her work and may again eat everything. In former times the husband was likewise obliged to adhere to a certain diet, whereas allegedly he no longer does this today. In ancient times, "when the Karajá were still living under water," he adhered to
[757] a diet for five months. Later, the husband merely remained in the house for six days; he ate neither fish nor manioc -- they were supposed to be too hard -- and daily emptied his stomach by vomiting, which he induced by eating honey with pepper or pineapple with pepper.

How long after the birth the husband stays away from his wife was not to be determined; in any case, however, the wife is treated with consideration for some time.

844 The skull of the newborn baby is pushed into proper shape by the father of the mother, or, according to another report, by the grandmother. It is then washed with warm water, then smeared with urucú and almesqua resin, whereby the red mucus comes off and the child becomes light. Then it is apparently

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washed once more and again rubbed. After this it is wrapped in a small net covering. Deformed children (blind ones, too) are drowned in the river by the mother; this is not regarded as wrong. Only well-formed children are raised, even when they are all girls. Nothing could be learned about the treatment of twins; such a case had "not yet occurred." The families, on the average, have two to four /328/ children; five are already regarded as many. There are said to be even more children in one family, however. The child is nursed for several years, and even children five or six years old still run to their mother in order to appease their hunger.

Children are given their names at birth by the grandparents on the paternal and maternal side. They keep these names all through life. Many Karajá bore Christian names, which were given them by the Brazilian boatmen; there are said to be only one or two actually baptized Karajá in São José. I obtained quite a number of given names for persons of both sexes; unfortunately, translations of them could not be obtained. It is only in the following names that familiar syllables may be separated out: mãŭzĭ = addition to pottery clay (see above, p. 209); kūlĭ = tapir; ănănlŏă = cat; ănlŭāzĭ = jaguar-zi (zi = egg; possibly misheard for ti = bone). For the rest of the names, see the word list /untranslated; see the foreign text, pp. 454-455/.

Soon after birth the children have their ear lobes pierced for the insertion of the ear tulips (kūădjŭ), which are later replaced by the ear rods; it is only later that the lip-hole is pierced for the boys. Both procedures take place without any further ceremony.

The boys run about naked; girls wear a black string-belt. It is only at the age of 9-12 that the boys tie the penis up and the girls hang the bast apron over the belt. From then on the boys live with the young men. As insignia the children wear arm cuffs, calf and ankle bands, the latter of which are already removed by the boys at the age of six to eight years.

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593 the husband does not eat with his family, but instead
[364] with the family of his married sister, and is considered a member of his sister's family. Secondly, his share of the pro-
[768] ceeds of the day's hunting and fishing, does not go to his own hut, but to that of his sister; and, lastly, if his wife should die leaving dependent children, they are taken in charge by her parents and the widower again becomes one of the bachelors.

587 A Karayá woman is not permitted to marry an alien, unless
648 he will become adopted, or naturalized, into the tribe, and will consent to reside permanently at the wife's native village.
593 The Karayá wife appears to be considered the equal of her husband in many respects, for he never takes any important step in life without first consulting her. Even the village chief divides his honors with his wife. Furthermore, the wife as
[462] well as the husband, has an important part to perform, not only in the family, but in the social economy of the village; though her part is to do the heavy, laborious work, while her man does the light and fancy-work; his only heavy work being to hunt and fish.

595 The men usually have but one wife, though a few have
582 two. One reason for having two wives seems to be owing to the custom prevailing among nearly all South American tribes that the young men marry the older women, and the old men marry the young women. Therefore, when the first wife becomes old, her young husband takes to himself a youth-
163 ful wife. Perhaps this custom of the young men marrying the
[582] older women will account in part for the small number of
[861] children born to these primitive races; though another reason may be that children are allowed to nurse until they are six
171 or seven years of age. The custom of aged men marrying girls fourteen or fifteen years of age is common among the
847 civilized people of Brazil. Abortion among the Karayá is practiced only when the husband demands it. Whenever a
586 couple cannot live together harmoniously, the husband is al-
587 lowed to trade his wife for another woman. If he should drive her away, he will not be permitted to marry another
000 woman, though he may take a concubine. The adulterous